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Granted from His Majesty, to the  
Marquesse of Hertford.

*Read in the House of Commons, and Ordered to be  
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**C**HARLES by the Grace of  
God, King of England, Scot-  
land, France, and Ireland, Defen-  
der of the Faith, &c. To Our  
right Trusty and Right Welbe-  
loved Cousin and Councillor,  
*William Marquesse of Hertford*, greeting:

Whereas there are now at and neer the City of  
London, great Forces levying, and Moulds raising,  
by way of Contribution and otherwise, to-  
wards the charge of the raising and mainraining  
an Army or Forces, by Order of Our two Hou-  
ses of Parliament, not only without Our consent,  
but contrary to our severall expresse Commands,  
published by severall Proclamations, Letters, and  
otherwise: And the same Forces are actually in  
so much forwardnesse, as that there are divers

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Horse-men daily exercised and trained in places about Our said Citie of London, and great numbers of Foot raising, and a Generall, and other principall Officers declared: We have found it necessary to raise and levy forces for the defence of the Protestant Religion, Our Person, the two Houses of Parliament, The Laws of the Land, the Libertie and Property of the Subject, and Priviledges of Parliament. And for the speciall trust and confidence we have and do repose in your approved Wisdom, Fidelity, Valour, and great Ability, Do Name, Assigne, Constitute, and Ordain you the said William Marquesse of Hartford, to be Our Lievt. Generall of all such Forces as by vertue of this Our Commission shalbe levied and raised, or by vertue of this Our Commission shalbe brought unto you, within all, or any Our Counties, of Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, Dorset, Southampton, Gloucester, Berks, Oxon. Hereford, Manmouth, Radnor, Brecknock, Glamorgan, Carmarthen, Pembroke, Cardigan, and in Our Cities of Exeter, Bristol, Gloucester, and Oxford, and the Countiees of the same: And likewise in Our Cities of Bath and Wells, new Salisbury and Hereford: And also in Our Towns of Poole, Southampton, and Haverfordwest, and the Counties of the same Towns.

And



And therefore we do give you full Power and Authority, in case of any Insurrection, Rebellion and Rebellion, or any of them, and for the suppression and correction of ailing or further executing the same, to raise and levy Forces, as well of Our Trained Bands as others, within all, or any of the said Counties and Places, as well within Liberties as without, meet and uns for the Wars: And likewise to command and enjoin the Commissioners of our Commissions of Array, and Sheriffs of Our said severall Counties, and all Our Lieutenants which are or shall be of, or for Our said severall Counties, and every or any of them respectively, from time to time, according to such direction as you shall receive from us, or as you in your good discretion for the purposes aforesaid, shall think fit to send, or cause to be sent unto you such numbers of Our said Subjects, fit and meet for the Warres, Armed and Arrayed as aforesaid, to such place or places, and at such times as shall be directed by Us, or by you by your wisdom and good discretion for our said services shall require, as from Our said Commissioners, Sheriffs, or Lieutenants, to be sent, brought, or conducted unto you.

And we do further by these presents, give you full power and authority to try, Array, and pursue against nese the persons so by you so banished, excommunicated, or assembled, sent, conducted, or brought unto you, and them also, and every of them after their abilities, degrees and faculties, well and lawfully to cause to be armed and weaponed, and to take the Masters of them from time to time in places most meet for that purpose after your good discretion. And also the same Our Subjects to Arrayed, Tried, and Armed, as well men of Arms, as other Horsemen, Archers, and Footmen, of all kinds of degrees meet and uns for the Warres, to conduct and lead, as well

will against all and singular our Enemies, Rebels, and Trai-  
tors, and against all their Adherents, to attempt any  
thing against the Peace, Order, and Dignity, or any of  
the said our Honorable Places, or to do therein any un-  
lawful thing, and the said Enemies, Traytors,  
and Rebels to invade, and repelle; and in case of op-  
position or resistance to any of the said execution  
of death by any way or means, according to your  
good Discretion: And to do, fulfill, and execute all  
and singular other things which shall be requisite for  
the bettering, conducting, and government of the said  
Matters, for the conservation of our said Realms and  
Subjects in peace. And also we give you full power  
and authority to Make, Constitute, and Ordain Laws,  
Ordinances, and Proclamations from time to time, as  
the case shall require, for the good Government and  
Order of all the Forces that shall be under your Com-  
mand; and the same, and every of them to cause to be  
duely proclaimed, performed and executed against  
the said Enemies, Traytors and Rebels and every of  
them, their, and every of their Adherents; and of such  
offenders apprehended or being brought into subjec-  
tion, to save whom you shall think good to be saved.  
And Our further Will and Pleasure is, And we do by  
these Presents give unto you full power and authori-  
ty, in case any Invasion of Enemies, Insurrections,  
or Rebellsions shall happen to be moved in any place  
of this our Realm, within or without the limits of  
this our Commission, that then (as often as need shall  
require) by your good discretion, or as you shall be  
directed by us by any speciall Commandment, you  
with such power to be used within the limits of this  
Our Commission, as you shall think requisite, or as you  
shall be directed from us, as is aforesaid, shall with  
assiduous diligence repair to the place or places where any  
such Invasion, Rebellion, or Insurrection shall be  
made

Our Letters Patentes have an Army of Forces  
made to subdue, suppress, and bring to the same well  
by Battell, or other kind of force, as shall be; ac-  
cording to the Laws of this Our Realm, and accord-  
ing to your good discretions: And thus further, Will  
and Pleasure is: And We do hereby think presents give  
unto you full Power and Authority, in case any Inva-  
sion of Enemies, Insurrections, or Rebellions, shall  
happen to be moved in any of the said Counties or  
Places; That then, and as often as you shall perceive  
any such offences or occasions to grow or arise, you,  
with all the Power you can make, shall with all dili-  
gence repair to the place where any such Invasion, In-  
surrection or Rebellion shall happen to be made, and  
to subdue, suppress and reform the same, and every of  
them. And We do give full power and authority to  
you for the execution of this Commission to appoint,  
and assigne all Commanders and Officers, necessary,  
and requisite for Government and command of Our  
Army: And further, that in case you shall in  
your discretion think it expedient to divide or dispose the said  
Forces by Land or by Sea into severall parts, That  
then you may as often as occasion shall be, divide  
and dispose the same for the purposes aforesaid, into  
such parts and places as your pleasure; and appoint  
such Commanders over such parts of the said Forces  
as in your discretion you shall think meet: And We  
do further give and grant unto you full power and  
authority, for Us, and in Our Name (by occasion shall  
require according to your discretion) by public Pro-  
clamation, to make tender of Our Royal Grace and  
pardon to all such Traitors and Rebels (if any shall  
be) as shall be named, and desired to be received to  
Our mercy; and for the better execution of this Our  
service, We do further give and grant to you full  
power and authority (as occasion shall require) when-  
soever you shall (according to the intent of these

Our Letters Patents) have an Army or Fort under  
their command; and that they may be able to  
Forcibly take possession of the houses and  
fortified houses, and the parts or places, where the  
said Army shall be; and to remove, displace, or con-  
vey the Captains, Lieutenants, Commanders, and  
Soldiers; or you shall think meet for the good and  
safety of this Our Kingdom. *John of England*  
Wherefore we will and command you our said  
Lieutenant general with all diligence, duly re-  
cord the premises with effect. And whatsoever you  
shall do by virtue of this our Commission and accord-  
ing to the intent and effect of the same, touching the  
execution of the premises or any parts thereof, You  
shall be before the same by these presents discharged in  
the behalfs of us, our heirs, and successors. And  
further we will and command, all and singular, Our  
Lieutenants, Deputy Lieutenants, Officers, of our  
Ordinances, Justices of peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bar-  
riffs, Constables, Headboroughs, and all other Our  
Officers, Ministers, and Subjects, present and to be, the  
Wardens, within the said Counties and places, to whom  
it shall appertain, That they and every of them from  
time to time shall be attendant, aiding, assisting, and  
helping to you, and at the commandment of You as  
aforesaid in the execution hereof. As they and every  
of them tender our pleasure, and will answer for  
the contrary at their utmost perill. Nevertheless,  
Our will and pleasure is, that you the said William  
Marquess of *Hertford*, in the execution of this our  
Commission, shall from time to time proceed accord-  
ing to such private instructions, as are, or shall be deli-  
vered unto you under Our signet Manual. In witness  
whereof, We have made these Our Letters, to be  
made Patents, and to have continuance, during Our  
pleasure: witness, &c. Our Self at *York* the second of  
*August*. 1542. *Per. G. 1542* H. 1542  
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